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Treatment of passengers and effects on steamship Olivette from Habana to Port Tampa.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 21, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the treatment of passengers and their effects on the last trip of the steamship *Olivette* from Habana, Cuba, to Tampa, Fla., via Key West:

The *Olivette* left Habana at 6 p. m., Saturday, April 9, with 349 passengers, and your 2 medical officers, acting under instructions from the Bureau, took passage to Port Tampa. Most of the passengers were simply inspected at gangway of steamer, but some few persons—less than one-third—had obtained certificates of immunity to smallpox at the office of the Service at Habana. On arriving at Key West, the quarantine officer, Dr. Sweeting, inspected and passed ashore the passengers for that place. The *Olivette* received there between 60 and 70 additional passengers brought from Habana by the United States steamships *Fern* and *Bache* and the American tramp steamship *Evelyn*.

On arrival of the *Olivette* at the Tampa quarantine station on the morning of Monday, April 11, 3 o'clock, the vessel was boarded by the quarantine officer, Dr. Echmendia, who informed me that the responsibility of inspection of passengers and treatment of vessel was to be placed on the Marine-Hospital Service. Accepting said responsibility, all baggage subject to disinfection under the regulations was removed from vessel to quarantine warehouse to be disinfected.

Then followed an inspection of every passenger for protection against smallpox. In this work we were kindly assisted by Dr. Echmendia and the master of the *Olivette*.

The inspection and vaccination of those persons needing the same was performed in less than three hours, and but little delay occasioned the steamship company. I arrived at Port Tampa at 9 a. m., and reported by wire the presence of Assistant Inspector Dudley and self at that point.

Very respectfully,

W. F. BRUNNER,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Smallpox in the United States as reported to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service, January 1 to April 29, 1898.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Alabama:				
Bessemer.....	Jan. 6.....	42	.....	
	Jan. 9-Jan. 26....	78	.....	
	Jan. 30-Feb. 19....	23	.....	
Birmingham.....	Jan. 6-Jan. 8.....	11	.....	
	Jan. 9-Jan. 26....	29	.....	
	Jan. 30-Feb. 19....	7	.....	
In Jefferson county, outside of the city.....	Feb. 6-Feb. 19....	26	.....	
Carneys Bluff.....	Feb. 17.....	1	.....	Smallpox reported.
Corona.....	Mar. 4.....	1	.....	
Dolomite.....	Dec. 1-Jan. 17....	21	.....	
Gosport.....	Feb. 17.....	.....	.....	Do.
Glendon.....	Feb. 17.....	.....	.....	Do.
Haynesville.....	Mar. 11.....	400	.....	
Horse Creek Mine.....	Mar. 4.....	3	.....	
Hurricane Bayou.....	Mar. 31-Apr. 22....	14	.....	
Jackson	Feb. 17.....	10	.....	
Mobile.....	Feb. 5-Apr. 22....	40	1	
Montevallo.....	Mar. 3.....	1	.....	
Newton	Jan. 15-Feb. 2....	7	.....	